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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Initiation of Field Work for Pre-Design Investigation for Groundwater**

Dear Ms. Bianchin:

As we have discussed on several occasions, the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") continues to experience difficulties in its efforts to secure access to off-site properties for installation of monitoring wells associated with the remedial design for groundwater at the NL/Taracorp site. A comprehensive review of the efforts that the Group and its groundwater consultant, ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller, have made and are continuing to make to secure access is being prepared at the present time and is expected to be provided to your office in the near future.

As part of the Group's efforts to continue to expedite the implementation of the remedial design and as we discussed on February 23, 2000, ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller plans to initiate field activities associated with the pre-design investigation at those properties for which access has been secured. As we discussed, ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller and its drilling subcontractor, Philip Environmental Services, plans to begin mobilization activities to the site on Monday February 28, 2000. The tentative field schedule for the initial field work associated with the pre-design investigation is as follows:

- Monday February 28, 2000: Travel and setup;
- Tuesday February 29 - Thursday March 2, 2000 (morning): Redevelopment of existing monitoring wells; and
- Thursday March 2 (afternoon) - Friday March 10, 2000 (or completion): Installation of groundwater monitoring wells in areas where access has been obtained.

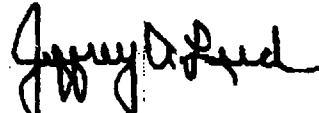
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This schedule, as we discussed, may change based upon conditions encountered at the site and the actual schedule to complete various tasks. Efforts are continuing to secure access to other properties so that the additional groundwater monitoring wells may be installed as soon as possible.

Please contact this office if additional information or clarification is required at this time.

Very truly yours,

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